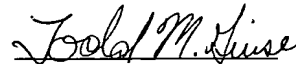


REMARKS

Entrance of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The pages captioned "MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS" include the marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current Amendment.

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***MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS***

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The sub-paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 was amended as follows:

-- FIG. 18 is a view of a diagram illustrating a torsion characteristic curve for the damper mechanism; --

The sub-paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5 was amended as follows:

FIG. 19 is an enlarged partial view of FIG. 18 illustrating a rotational gap that is positioned in a positive and/or negative side second stage of the torsion characteristic curve of FIG. 18;

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